Prayer and Care List

Please pray for those who are homebound, sick and grieving:
At home: Liz & Vann Johnson, Harriet Heath, Pat Spear
Lake Prince Woods: Sarah & Milt Brown
***Parsons*:** Mary Alice Thomasson

Clergy and Staff

Pastor	Rev. Dr. H. Celeste Heath
Liturgist	Rev. Ellen Comstock
Lindauer Endowed Chair for Music and Fine Arts	Chris Titko
Administrative Assistants	Pam Snider, Joyce Thacker
Communications	Bonnie White, Chris Titko
Audio Visuals Control	Ray Comstock
Bookkeeper	Dianne Hunter
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Ray Edmonds
Choral Scholars	A'Miya Polansky, Annie O'Shea, Caroline Tovar, Miles Pifer, Rushad Huley-Morris

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Calendar

November 10	7pm Southside Band
November 11	Church Office Closed-Veterans Day 5pm Wednesday Night Dinner
November 12	3:30pm Violin classes 6pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal

Monumental United Methodist Church

November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost **11:00 a.m.**

ENTRANCE

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Minuet* *F. J. Haydn*

Introit *Let All Things Now Living* *Welsh melody*

***Call to Worship**
People of God, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbors, tend creation, and care for the least of these.
People of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.
People of God, in a world that privileges power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do you serve?
We serve God, who calls us to privilege the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.
People of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.
We gather to worship God and work for God's purposes until

God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn** *Rejoice the Lord is King* *Hymnal #715*

Opening Prayer

God, our kind and loving Parent, you no longer call us servants but friends. There is so much you have entrusted to us, even the future of your kingdom of justice and love. Give us the grace to work out with you the growth of mercy and goodness in this world, to be united with all Christians and with all who seek you with a sincere heart in bringing reconciliation and joy to everyone. Let us go together the way to you, our living and loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Lesson *Matthew 25:14-30*

Offering

Anthem *I Have Decided* *K. Boesinger*

***Doxology** *page 94*

***Hymn** *Take my Life and Let It Be* *Hymnal #399*

Sermon *Is It Heaven or Earth?*

Morning Prayers *2176 Make Me a Servant*

Make me a servant, humble and meek
Lord let me lift up those who are weak
And may the prayer of my heart always be
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

***Hymn** *O Jesus I Have Promised* *Hymnal #396*

Benediction

Benediction Response *Guide My Feet* *W. Whalum*

Postlude *Allegro from Concerto in F major* *G. F. Handel*

***Please stand if you are able.**

Congregational Offering November 1, 2026

Received: $745.00

Nativity Fund (in memory of Ed Heath)……..…….$350.00
Endowment (in memory of Ed Heath)…….……$50.00
Fine Arts (in memory of Celia Alexander).……...…….....$25.00
Fine Arts (Noonday concert).…….....$157.00
Relief Fund……...…$20.00
TOTAL GIVING FOR 11/1/2026……...….....$1,347.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Volunteers and Health & Safety Team Assignments
Vol.1, S. Tarkenton check-in; Vol. 2, J. Thacker (R3) greeter at Chapel entry door; Vol. 3, D. Roane (R1) greeter at Dinwiddie Street door/Acolyte; L. Edmonds (R2) Addnl. H&S Resp.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Noonday Concert- Monday, November 23rd at 12 noon with Sandra Welfare, handbell soloist.

Western Cohort Church of the Week
Jolliff UMC for the Fall Festival
Virginia Korean, Ebenezer and Centenary as they come together for a Multicultural Praise Day

Angel Tree Starts today!
Take a tag and help a child have a Merry Christmas!

News! Rise Against Hunger
The meals Monumental packed were shipped to the Philippines.